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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR TO DISCUSS SECOND FARLEY PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with Southern Nuclear Operating Company management at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Friday, Oct. 1, in Dothan, Ala., to discuss the results of the agency's second inspection of the Farley nuclear plant's license renewal program.

The meeting will be held in the Houston County Commission Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Houston County Administrative Building, 462 North Oates Street in Dothan. It will be open to public observation, and NRC officials will be available prior to the close of the meeting to answer questions from interested observers. A report on the inspection will be issued approximately 45 days after the meeting and will be available to the public.

The inspection, which began Sept. 13th and runs until Oct. 1st, is the second license renewal review at the Farley plant, and is conducted to verify that programs are in place to manage the material condition of the plant's systems, structures and components during the 20 additional years of operation should the NRC approve the license renewal application.

The NRC conducted a meeting at the company's offices in Birmingham in May to discuss results of the agency's initial inspection of the Farley license renewal program. Southern Nuclear submitted an application to renew the licenses for the two units at the Farley plant license in September of last year, and that application, if approved by the NRC, would extend the expiration date of the two units' operating licenses from 2017 for Unit 1 and 2021 for Unit 2 to 2037 and 2041 respectively.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: As announced in a previous news release (NRC No. II-04-045), the NRC staff is conducting two similar meetings on Sept. 30, the day before this meeting, to receive public input on the draft environmental impact statement for Farley plant license renewal. Those meetings begin at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. with time for informal discussion beginning one hour before each meeting, and will be held at the Quality Inn on Ross Clark Circle in Dothan.